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STATINTL

16. (Unclassified - LLM) LIAISON Robert Fink, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, called indicating they were disappointed that the reply to Chairwoman Bella Abzug (D., N.Y.) of 2 June 1976 concerning the index of the mail intercept program did not transmit a final report. I said that I thought that [redacted] OGC, had made it clear in his conversation with Tim Ingram, Staff Director of the Subcommittee, that we would provide the report at the same time that the Department of Justice entered into the case involved. This seemed to satisfy Fink somewhat but he said another letter was on its way to us requesting a few more details.

He also asked about the status of the changes to the report they had received from the Department of Justice, which was submitted by the Agency, under 28 U.S.C. 535(b). I explained that there had been a turnover in our General Counsel office but that I had raised this matter just this morning with a representative of that office and I expect to have something to provide to them in the not too distant future.

17. (Unclassified - WPB) LEGISLATION Called James Campbell, Assistant Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, concerning his letter of 19 May 1976 requesting me to elaborate on the Agency's views letter on S. 796, a bill to amend the rule making provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. After some discussion, Campbell said he understood some of the Agency's problems and was willing to insert the words "or statute" after the words "Executive order" of the proposed exception from the rule making provisions of section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act. He also said that he was willing to make specific reference to 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3) in the legislative history. I said that although this was somewhat helpful, the Agency still took the position of the Administration in opposition to the legislation in general.

18. (Unclassified - DFM) LEGISLATION Called Guy McConnell, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed a few points regarding S. Res. 400.

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